

Sustainable Software Engineering Checklist

Adopting Green Coding Princip	es	Tick all that apply
Engineering Energy Efficiency	Ensured your application is taking responsibility for the electricity it consumes and considered whether you have designed it to consume as little energy as possible	
Carbon Efficiency	Minimised the amount of carbon emitted per unit of work and wherever possible, made choices to consume electricity with the lowest carbon intensity available	
Hardware Efficiency	Focused on extending the lifespan of hardware through more efficient use of resources (e.g., running your workload on as few servers as possible with high utilisation rates) and ensured that your application has been designed to be able to run on older hardware components	
Data Efficiency	Made choices to reduce the amount of data and distance it has to travel to reduce energy demand and associated carbon emissions	
Measurement	Selected tools that can help measure, baseline and identify actions to reduce the carbon impact of your software, and used the data to set targets that you can track and to monitor performance	
Applying Sustainable Software	Engineering Techniques	Tick all that apply
Software Power Consumption	Considered using appropriate energy profiling tools and selected an energy consumption technique suitable for your code / project	
Data Caching	Selected a data caching technique with appropriate attention on approach and configuration to help improve energy efficiency, and have actively considered whether data caching on server or remotely via a network is most suitable for application	
Data Exchanges	Selected an appropriate data exchange method to more efficiently process, transfer and store data	
Data Compression, Aggregation and Retention	Applied effective data compression methods, data aggregation techniques appropriate to your application, and selected a data retention policy that balances the processing and data storage requirements of your software	
Image Sizing	Adopted various optimisation techniques and format choices to reduce image size and improve the energy efficiency of your website or image intensive application	
Unused Features	Assessed and removed unused features and code to improve energy efficiency and increase carbon savings	
Logging, Loops and Polling	Devised an efficient and optimised logging strategy and identified and removed loops from your code, and have considered how polling affects performance and implemented changes in your application	
Power Adaptation	Applied techniques to monitor power levels and optimise power consumption based on available power features relevant to your application	
Computational Accuracy	Applied accuracy, precision and tolerance based methods to your application and code, and made choices that will lead to reduced data processing transfer and storage to help lower energy consumption	
Monitoring Energy Consumption	Considered techniques to optimise your code and application for lower energy consumption, balanced performance with energy usage and devised approaches and selected tools to monitor energy consumption	
Programming Language Efficiency	Reviewed and considered your programming language, compilation and interpretation choices and balanced selection based on the different dimensions of energy, time and memory usage	
Reusable Assets	Devised a code reuse strategy and selected balanced methods and approaches based on deployment challenges whilst lowering energy consumption	